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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, help us to follow Your commands so that we may experience abundant living. May our lawmakers' steps never stray from the path of integrity, nor waiver in following You. By Your mighty power, rescue our world from the challenges that overwhelm it. Protect those who love You as You would guard Your own eyes. Lord, hide us in the shadow of Your wings. Today, help our Senators to remember that their steps are directed by You. As You work for the good of those who love You, inspire them to stay within the circle of Your will. Give our legislators the reverential awe that brings life, prosperity, and protection.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 23, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what is now before the Senate?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate, under a previous order, is now in leader time.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2569, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At 11 a.m. there will be a rollover vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed regarding the Bringing Jobs Home Act, followed by voice votes on the following three nominations: confirmation of Julia Akins Clark to be general counsel for the Federal Labor Relations Authority; confirmation of Andrew Schapiro to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic; and confirmation of Madelyn Creedon to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

REPATRIATED INCOME

Mr. REID. I understand that Senator PAUL has an amendment that he wants to offer to this short-term funding bill. I'm talking about his amendment to permanently reduce the tax rate for repatriated income to 5 percent.

He has agreed not to offer that amendment here.

In exchange, we commit that when the Senate considers a long-term highway funding bill, Senator PAUL will be allowed to offer and get a vote on his amendment then.

Mrs. BOXER. I agree and also commit to providing Senator PAUL an opportunity to offer and get a vote on his repatriation amendment when the Senate considers a long-term highway bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. My friend from Kentucky has been actively engaged on the issue of the highway funding mechanism for some time now, and I appreciate his work on this. This is one of the hardest issues that we face in Congress, and it has been helpful to have my colleague Senator PAUL working so hard on resolving it. He wanted an amendment on a repatriation proposal on the highway bill that we will soon be debating, and I want to thank him for setting it aside for the time being. We will, however, be addressing highway funding again later, and I promise to protect his right to offer his amendment and secure a vote on its adoption.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5021

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader with the concurrence of the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 468, H.R. 5021, the Highway and Transportation Funding Act; that the only amendments in order to the bill be the following: Wyden No. 3582; Carper-Corker-Boxer No. 3583; Lee No. 3584; Toomey No. 3585; further, that each amendment have 1 hour of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents; that there be up to 2 hours of general debate on the bill equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the

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